

HOUSE BILL 91
By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to certain payments to providers in the medical assistance program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The comptroller of the treasury shall study the issues of the appropriateness of and the methods for making disproportionate share payments or essential access payments to hospital providers participating in the medical assistance or TennCare programs. The comptroller shall also address issues relating to any required approvals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in order for such payments to be made under any proposed revision or termination of the current TennCare waiver. The comptroller shall report the results of this study to the select oversight committee on TennCare on or before October 1, 2005. The committee shall recommend appropriate legislation to the 2006 session of the general assembly.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.